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**Message:**

Attached please find a Response to Office Action (restriction requirement) for the above-noted patent application. Please deliver this to Examiner Thien F. Tran in AU 2811. The response is due November 13, 2004 without extension.

We have also attached a copy of our Preliminary Amendment filed on October 1st, 2004 and received by the PTO on October 4th, 2004 for the Examiner's reference (15 pages).

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due for this submission. However, please charge Deposit Account 02-2656 if any fees are required.

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In re Application of:

Iu-Meng Tom Ho

Application No. 10/810,748

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: POWER AND GROUND SHIELD MESH  
TO REMOVE BOTH CAPACITIVE AND  
INDUCTIVE SIGNAL COUPLING  
EFFECTS OF ROUTING IN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DEVICE

Examiner: Tran, Thien F.

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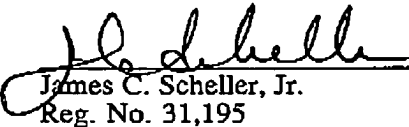
Please consider this response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2004.

**REMARKS**

In response to the two-way restriction of the claims in the Office Action, Applicant elects group II (which includes claims 43-55 and also claims 60-69 in the second preliminary amendment received by the Patent Office on October 4, 2004). Applicant has attached a copy of this second preliminary amendment so that the Examiner can see these additional claims 60-69 from the second preliminary amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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